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1. SOVIET COUNSELOR CHMANEVSKI APPROACHED POLOFF AT AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL DAY VIN D'HONNEUR JANUARY 26 TO SAY THAT HE HEARD THAT LAO HAD SENT NOTE ASKING US MISSION TO REDUCE ITS MISSION PERSONNEL STRENGTH. HE ASKED WHAT NUMBER WE PLANNED TO REDUCE TO. POLOFF SUGGESTED THAT CHMANEVSKI TALK TO LAO ABOUT ANY NOTE FROM THEM.

2. CHMANEVSKI THEN STATED THAT NUMBER OF US PERSONNEL DEPENDED ON ASSISTANCE WE GAVE LAO TO "HEAL THE WOUNDS OF WAR". POLOFF NOTED THAT THAT PHRASE HAD BEEN USED IN PARIS AGREEMENT BETWEEN US AND VIETNAM AND THAT TWO LAO FACTIONS HAD USED IT IN AGREEMENTS RESULTING FROM NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THEMSELVES BUT THAT US HAD NOT USED THIS PHRASE IN ANY AGREEMENTS WITH LAO.

CHMANEVSKI NOTED THAT US ASSISTANCE TO "HEAL WOUNDS OF WAR" REMAINED A PROBLEM FOR LPDR, AS PARTY SECRETARY
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GENERAL AND PRIMIN KAYSONE PHOMVIHANE HAD STATED IN HIS DECMEBER 1 ADDRESS ON OCCASION LAO NATIONAL DAY, REPORTED REFTEL.

3. CHMANEVSKI FURTHER NOTED THAT PRESIDENT CARTER'S INAUGURAL STATEMENTS HAD BEEN FORTHCOMING. HE ASKED WHAT NEW ADMINISTRATION'S POSITION WOULD BE TOWARDS

"NORMALIZATION" OF RELATIONS WITH LAOS. POLOFF REPLIED
THAT, AS PRESIDENT HAD MADE CLEAR IN HIS SPECIAL MESSAGE,
US WANTED FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES OF WORLD.
NEW ADMINISTRATION HAD BEEN IN OFFICE ONLY SIX DAYS, HOW-
EVER, AND POLOFF NOT AWARE OF ANY CHANGES IN US POLICY TOWARD
LAOS. AS FOR "NORMALIZATION" OF RELATIONS, US CONTINUED
TO MAINTAIN EMBASSY IN LPDR AND LAO IN US.
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